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SUBJECT: TRAVEL OF U.S. CITIZENS IN PORTUGAL

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1. PORTUGUESE CUSTOMS AUTHORITIES INFORM US THAT PORTS OF ENTRY AT VILA REAL STO ANTONIO AND VILA VERDE FICALHO ARE CLOSED ON SPANISH SIDE. MARVAO, BEIRA, CAIA (BADAJOZ), S. LEONARDO ARE OPERATING NORMALLY. VALENCA, S. GREGORIO, VILA VERDE RAIA, QUINTANILHA, VILAR FORMOSO, SEGURA ARE OPEN TO AUTOMOBILE TRAFFIC ONLY AND THEY MUST HAVE GREEN INSURANCE CARDS. ALL RESTRICTIONS SAID TO BE IMPOSED BY SPANISH.

2. AUTOMOBILE CLUB OF PORTUGAL REPORTS THAT AUTOMOBILES BEARING SPANISH PLATES ARE HAVING NO DIFFICULTY ENTERING AND TRAVELING IN PORTUGAL.

3. FAMILY OF LISBON'S DCM TRAVELED BY TRAIN FROM MADRID TO LISBON ON NIGHT OF SEPT. 26-27. THEY REPORTED NO UNTOWARD INCIDENTS EXCEPT FOR NONVIOLENT DEMONSTRATION AGAINST EXECUTIONS AT LISBON TRAIN STATION. FSO MADE SAME TRIP NIGHT SEPT. 30-
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OCT. 1 AND REPORTED NOTHING UNUSUAL EXCEPT MORE THOROUGH CUSTOMS

INSPECTION.

4. TRAVEL WITHIN PORTUGAL CONTINUES TO BE SAFE FOR AMERICAN TOURISTS.

5. SITUATION AT BORDERS ARE FLUID, SO WE WILL CONTINUE TO MONITOR AND REPORT, BUT SINCE CLOSINGS REPORTED ARE SAID TO BE ON SPANISH SIDE, WE WOULD APPRECIATE MADRID'S CONFIRMING OUR INFORMATION.

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